9/3/68

Dear Gary,

My last two letters to Bernabei have been returned. If you are in touch with him, will you please mail him the enclosed? Thanks.

What I am most interested in you do not mention. When will you see, get, those Similes pictures? They are very important.

It is getting to the point where I can figure on a west-coast trip but do not know when. Please ask Bernabei to bring me up to date on his Simpson work, for if I am out there I should try for that and another possibility in the same area. We now have someone who can do wonders with negatives. New technique.

All of what you say in your letter of 8/28 and attachments is true. What is new, however, is the exact positioning of the "witnesses". That is important.

Mrs. Lebonte, I am satisfied, is really nuts. She got in touch with me more than two years ago. But, that long ago I could more easily have been wrong.

Again, thanks for the enclosures, which I will return. We have the same financial problems. I postponed replenishing my supply of copying papers until the last minute and the new order is a week overdue. When I get it I'll make copies and return. However, you'd better start using carbon paper because sometimes things happen in the mails.

If and when you are satisfied you will not find a publisher, what do you plan, if anything? Could you swing a private edition, like mine? If you are interested, you should be typing it for that purpose and getting ready. I can give you all the information you need - for preparation only - not for financing or things like that. It is possible, even though I presume they do not pay much, that should Maclean's buy the piece or the rights, they may give you enough for the printing costs. Tell me how many words your ms is and what you plan by way of an appendix and I can make some estimates. I can also supply you with some paper already marked for the offset camera with a color that doesn't show on its film. Once you know the approximate size you can learn costs, which should be lower up there. Using cheaper paper would also reduce them.

Best regards, and good luck.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg